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In re application of: Laurent DE VOLDER

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For: PROCESS FOR INKING A PRINTING PLATE WITH THERMOPLASTIC INKS AND
INK TANKS TO BE USED THEREIN

Attorney Docket No.: U-013688-5

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

WRITTEN ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

This is written assertion on the basis of:

personal knowledge;
 applicant's letter of _____;
 applicant's agent's letter of October 26, 2001; or
 other _____

by a practitioner (not necessarily of record) that the above application is entitled to small entity status and, therefore, fees.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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NOTE: "To establish small entity status after the payment of the basic filing or national stage fee as a non-small entity, a written assertion of small entity status is required to be submitted." Notice of September 8, 2000, 65 Fed. Reg. 54604, at 54609.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1): "Assertion by writing. Small entity status may be established by a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status. A written assertion must:

- (i) Be clearly identifiable;
- (ii) Be signed (see paragraph (c)(2) of this section); and
- (iii) Convey the concept of entitlement to small entity status, such as by stating that applicant is a small entity, or that small entity status is entitled to be asserted for the application or patent. While no specific words or wording are required to assert small entity status, the intent to assert small entity status must be clearly indicated in order to comply with the assertion requirement."

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(2): "Parties who can sign and file the written assertion. The written assertion can be signed by:

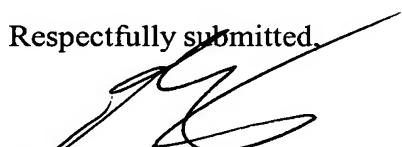
- (i) One of the parties identified in § 1.33.(b) (e.g. an attorney or agent registered with the Office). § 3.73(b) of this chapter notwithstanding, who can also file the written assertion;
- (ii) At least one of the individuals identified as an inventor (even though a § 1.63 executed oath or declaration has not been submitted), notwithstanding § 1.33(b)(4), who can also file the written assertion pursuant to the exception under § 1.33(b) of this part; or
- (iii) An assignee of an undivided part interest, notwithstanding §§ 1.33(b)(3) and 3.73(b) of this chapter, but the partial assignee cannot file the assertion without resort to a party identified under § 1.33(b) of this part."

35 C.F.R. § 1.33(b):

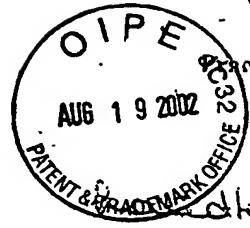
(b) *Amendment and other papers. Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:*

- (1) *A registered attorney or agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.34(b);*
- (2) *A registered attorney or agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34(a);*
- (3) *An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or*
- (4) *All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.*

Respectfully submitted,



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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

**OPTIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

(check one applicable item below)

original.
 design.

NOTE: *With the exception of a supplemental oath or declaration submitted in a reissue, a supplemental oath or declaration is not treated as an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 (Amendments after allowance) M.P.E.P. Section 714.16, 7th Ed.*

supplemental.

NOTE: *If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application, do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.*

national stage of PCT.

NOTE: *If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL,
CONTINUATION OR C-I-P*

NOTE: *See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63(d) (continued prosecution application) for use of a prior nonprovisional application declaration in the continuation or divisional application being filed on behalf of the same or fewer of the inventors named in the prior application.*

divisional.
 continuation.

NOTE: *Where an application discloses and claims subject matter not disclosed in the prior application, or a continuation or divisional application names an inventor not named in the prior application, a continuation-in-part application must be filed under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b) (application filing requirements-nonprovisional application).*

continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

WARNING: *If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

PROCESS FOR INKING A PRINTING PLATE WITH THERMOPLASTIC INKS AND INK TANKS TO BE USED THEREIN

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

(complete (a), (b), or (c))

(a) is attached hereto.

NOTE: *"The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed on the application filing date with a specification are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63.*

"(1) name of inventor(s), and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration on filing;

"(2) name of inventor(s), and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed, or

"(3) name of inventor(s), and title which was on the specification as filed."

Notice of July 15, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60).

(b) was filed on _____, as Application No. _____
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

NOTE: *Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO that contain new matter are not recorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.67.*

NOTE: *"The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63:*

(A) application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456);

(B) serial number and filing date;

(C) attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;

(D) title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or

(E) title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration.

M.P.E.P. Section 601.01(a), 7th ed.

(c) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/BE00/00044 filed on April 21, 2000 and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. Section 1.67(b))

(complete the following where a supplemental declaration is being submitted)

I hereby declare that the subject matter of the

attached amendment
 amendment filed on _____.

was part of my/our invention and was invented before the filing date of the original application, above identified, for such invention.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37. Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56,

(also check the following items, if desired)

and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. Section 119(a)-(d))

NOTE: "The claim to priority need not be in a special form and may be made by the attorney or agent if the foreign application is referred to in the oath or declaration as required by Section 1.63. The claim for priority and the certified copy of the foreign application specified in 35 U.S.C. Section 119(b) must be filed in the case of an interference (Section 1.630), when necessary to overcome the due date of a reference relied upon by the examiner, when specifically required by the examiner, and in all other situations, before the patent is granted. If the claim for priority or the certified copy of the foreign application is filed after the date the issue fee is paid, it must be accompanied by a petition requesting entry and by the fee set forth in Section 1.17(i). If the certified copy is not in the English language, a translation need not be filed except in the case of interference; or when necessary to overcome the due date of a reference relied upon by the examiner; or when specifically required by the examiner, in which event an English language translation must be filed together with a statement that the translation of the certified copy is accurate." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.55(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

(d) no such applications have been filed.
 (e) such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (e) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority, check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
 (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION
 AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 119(a)-(d)**

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING DAY, MONTH, YEAR	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
EP	99870075.1	29 April 1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)
 (35 U.S.C. Section 119(e))**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER
 _____ / _____
 _____ / _____
 _____ / _____

FILING DATE

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)
 UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 120**

The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached
 ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
 FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART (C-I-P)
 APPLICATION.



ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION

NOTE: If the application filed more than 12 months from the filing date of this application is a PCT filing forming the basis for this application entering the United States at (1) the national stage, or (2) a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part, then also complete ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P APPLICATION for benefit of the prior U.S. or PCT application(s) under 35 U.S.C. Section 120.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

(list name and registration number)

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CYNTHIA R. MILLER, 34678

(Check the following item, if applicable)

I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above named practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

NOTE: "Special care should be taken in continuation or divisional applications to ensure that any change of correspondence address in a prior application is reflected in the continuation or divisional application. For example, where a copy of the oath or declaration from the prior application is submitted for a continuation or divisional application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and the copy of the oath or declaration from the prior application designates an old correspondence address, the Office may not recognize, in the continuation or divisional application, the change of correspondence address made during the prosecution of the prior application. Applicant is required to identify the change of correspondence address in the continuation or divisional application to ensure that communications from the Office are mailed to the current correspondence address. 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) " Section 601 03, M.P.E.P., 7th Ed

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(complete the following if applicable)

Since this filing is a [] continuation [] divisional there is attached hereto a Change of Correspondence Address so that there will be no question as to where the PTO should direct all correspondence.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

NOTE. Carefully indicate the family (or last) name, as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other documents.

NOTE. Each inventor must be identified by full name, including the family name, and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial, and by his/her residence, post office address and country of citizenship. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63(a)(3)

NOTE. Inventors may execute separate declarations/oaths provided each declaration/oath sets forth all the inventors. Section 1.63(a)(3) requires that a declaration/oath, inter alia, identify each inventor and prohibits the execution of separate declarations/oaths which each sets forth only the name of the executing inventor. 62 Fed. Reg. 53,131, 53,142, October 10, 1997.

Full name of sole or first inventor

LAURENT
(Given Name)

(Middle Initial or Name)

DE VOLDER
Family (Or Last Name)

Inventor's signature (X)

Date (X)

Country of Citizenship

Belgium

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Post Office Address same as above

Full name of second joint inventor, if any

(Given Name)

(Middle Initial or Name)

Family (Or Last Name)

Inventor's signature

Date

Country of Citizenship

Residence

Post Office Address

Full name of third joint inventor, if any

(Given Name)

(Middle Initial or Name)

Family (Or Last Name)

Inventor's signature

Date

Country of Citizenship

Residence

Post Office Address

(check proper box(es) for any of the following added page(s)
that form a part of this declaration)

Signature for fourth and subsequent joint inventors. Number of pages added _____

Signature by administrator(s), executor(s) or legal representative for deceased or
incapacitated inventor. Number of pages added _____

Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under
17 C.F.R. Section 1.47. Number of pages added _____

Added page for signature by one joint inventor on behalf of deceased inventor(s) where legal
representative cannot be appointed in time. (37 C.F.R. Section 1.47)

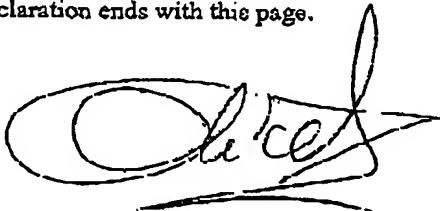
Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or
continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application.

Number of pages added _____

Authorization of practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

(If no further pages form a part of this Declaration,
then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item)

This declaration ends with this page.



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